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## DIXIE HIGHWAY DISCUSSED.

Senator T. E. Wilson Holds Conference  
With Citizens of County.

Monday several representative citizens from various parts of the county met in the court house, at the request of Senator T. E. Wilson, to consult as to the amount of bonds that should be made available for the Dixie highway.

J. W. Dorton was made chairman and S. C. Bishop secretary of the meeting. Senator Wilson favored a bond issue of \$200,000 to be divided as follows: One hundred thousand dollars for the Dixie highway and the remaining \$100,000 to be applied in completing the Memphis-to-Bristol highway through the county and to the building of other roads.

Judge E. G. Tollett was called on to speak first. He made a very strong talk and urged that \$150,000 of the \$200,000 be made available for the Dixie highway and the remainder for the Memphis-to-Bristol and other roads. About a dozen people expressed their views. Some favored an equal divide of the \$200,000 between the Dixie and other roads and several favored \$150,000 for the Dixie. After considerable discussion and several questions were voted upon the majority finally decided in favor of \$135,000 on the Dixie highway, \$25,000 on the Memphis-to-Bristol and the remainder on other roads.

While Senator Wilson did not state what he would do in the matter he had an opportunity to get the views of several of the leading men of the county and he is now, perhaps, somewhat better informed on the situation than before.

## PASSED TWO READINGS.

We understand that the bill has passed two readings appropriating \$150,000 on a road running north and south through the county without mentioning the name Dixie highway, but it is understood to mean the Dixie highway. It seems probable that the bill was drawn that way with the idea that in the event the Dixie highway is not routed through this county our county would be in a position to build the road anyway.

Senator Wilson stated that he was in favor of passing a bill for \$200,000 and that was the prevailing idea with practically all who were present. The question of the division is the point on which Senator Wilson is hesitating. What he will finally decide upon no one could learn and the only way seems to await his action.

It is safe to say that the bill will carry not less than \$100,000 for the Dixie highway, if no more. The feeling prevailed with many that to have only \$100,000 available might result in the loss of the official route through this county on the grounds that the amount is too small. How well their judgement was placed remains to be seen when the matter comes to the final test at Chattanooga before the commissioners May 20, in the event Senator Wilson does fix the amount at \$100,000.

## TO TEACHERS.

The date set by the State Department for the first examination is May 31 and June 1. This will be held in the High School building at Crossville, beginning at 8:00 a. m.

The examination being held this early precludes the holding of an Institute prior to the examination; hence there will be no Institute this year. All teachers whose schools begin before the first of September must take this examination, as the State Superintendent says the papers of the second examination held July 15 and 16 will not be passed upon before the first of August.

No teacher is exempt from taking the examination in the two Reading Circle books, "Play and Recreation," Ginn & Co., Atlanta, 95c, and "Teaching of Geography," Rand, McNally Co., Chicago, 90c, unless he attends the summer term of the State Normal, the Summer School of the South or the Peabody Normal College.

Respectfully,  
J. S. Gline,  
Supt. Public Instruction.

## GREAT SHIP IS SUNK BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE.

Torpedoed Ten Miles off Irish Coast and  
1,200 Lives Lost—People Had Been  
Warned by German Embassy  
But Only Laughed.

Friday afternoon the famous fast passenger ocean going steamer, Lusitania, was torpedoed by a German submarine ten miles off the Irish coast. There were 1,310 passengers on board when the vessel left New York the Saturday before. Of the number 188 were Americans, 956 were English and the remainder were of different nationalities. Including the help the total number of persons on board was close to 2000. The total number of survivors is not over 700 if that many. Several prominent Americans were on board, most of whom were lost. The loss of life is next to the Titanic disaster.

The Lusitania was 960 feet long, 80 feet wide and 60 feet deep and cost nearly ten millions of dollars to build and equip. The vessel carried \$7,500,000 insurance. It made its first trip in September, 1907, and was one of the largest and finest vessels afloat.

## HAD BEEN WARNED

The German embassy at Washington put an advertisement in the New York papers warning the people that they were running a great risk in taking passage on English vessels as the waters around the British Isles had been declared a war zone by Germany. In spite of that the passengers went aboard joking and laughing at the idea of danger.

## CONTRABAND OF WAR.

Besides the passengers the Lusitania carried large quantities of cartridges, brass and copper wire and other articles that are classed as contraband of war. The total value of the contraband goods amounted to more than a million dollars.

The captain of the vessel said after he reached the shore that "it is the fortunes of war." The English people are desperately angry and Germans of all lines of business are being discriminated against on the island.

Former President Roosevelt says it is little short of piracy. Many people in the United States are condemning the Germans in unmeasured terms. Others claim it is war and nothing more or less and that when people took passage on board the English vessel they did so with full knowledge of the danger and they simply took a chance and in this case it was most appalling.

Regardless of sympathy for or against the Germans all people were shocked and deeply regret the dreadful toll of death that resulted from the sinking of the mighty ship.

What action will be taken by the government has not yet been announced, but President Wilson is moving with a calm and steady head and will make no announcement until full details are at hand.

There seems no likelihood that this country will be drawn into the war.

## LONG A RESIDENT.

Miss Mary Burnley, of Macon county, sends a letter to the Macon County News, which shows that she has lived in the same neighborhood where she was born all her long life of over 80 years.

## SERIOUS ERROR.

Letter received by a Georgia game warden:

"Dear ser: I don't want this sorter license. I thot i was gettin' a marriage license, sumbudy sent me to mr. — and sed he would gimme a license, Mandy was so mad when i got back with this here hanten license she would not have me. she said i didn't have sents anuff to get marriage license, so she ups and runs off with bill Johnson and i Am in a hel of hxt. i wants my munny back unless this here license will let me shoot bill Johnson. yours most truly,

Sam Jackson."—Ex.

## OLD RESIDENT LETTER

Mrs. Zilpha Flynn Has Lived In This  
County 85 Years.

Lantana, Tenn., May 11, 1915.  
Editor Chronicle:

In compliance with a recent request in the Chronicle I send you the following article. The subject of this sketch, Zilpha Flynn, was the daughter of John and Sarah Wyatt and was born in Buncombe county, North Carolina, July 7th, 1825, and is therefore 90 years of age. In 1826 her parents emigrated from North Carolina, to Tennessee and settled in what is now Meigs county, then the Cherokee purchase.

In 1830 they moved to Crossville, then a city of two families, namely, William Gibson and John Narramore. Mrs. Flynn, then being five years old, has lived in this county ever since, has never been out of the county except four times in her life, making her residence here 85 years July 7.

In 1833 her parents moved to the farm now owned by Riley Wyatt and lived there until she was twenty years of age, when she met and married R. L. Flynn, a native mountaineer. Mrs. Flynn and her husband settled seven miles north of her old home, and has lived there ever since, until the death of Mr. Flynn, which occurred nine years ago.

To this union there were born nine children, thirty four grandchildren, forty seven great grandchildren and five great, great grandchildren.

Since the death of Mr. Flynn she has continued to live with her youngest son at the old Flynn homestead.

Mr. Flynn was a man of great strength, tall and slender and was a noted hunter and at the time of his marriage, aside from a small crop cultivated in the summer and a few head of stock, lived chiefly by his gun, as game at that time was plentiful in this country.

Mrs. Flynn, having lived in this country ever since, has seen all the progress of the country, from the shop made hoe and bull-tongue plow, which cultivated a few acres, to the modern farm machinery which cultivates our nice farms. She has seen the change in society from almost semi-savage state to the good society which we now enjoy. From the log meeting house, without any floor, which was used also for school purposes, to the splendid church and school buildings which we now have, and as she with her husband, lived through the civil war, of course she has witnessed many sad and solemn scenes.

Mr. Flynn took an active part as pilot and scout, for the Union army, through the mountains of East Tennessee and experienced many narrow escapes from death. He was known throughout the mountain country as the "Red Fox," on account of his skill as a woodsman and his ability to dodge the enemy. On one occasion he was carrying a dispatch from Col. Palmer, of the 11th Ohio regiment, who was stationed at Cedar Grove, in Sequatchie valley, to Col. Stokes, of the 5th Tennessee cavalry, who was stationed at Sparta, Tennessee. On account of the perilous nature of the errand, Col. Palmer proposed to furnish him an escort, but Flynn, knowing the mountain country and the location of his destination, refused the escort and started out on foot with the message in his pocket.

He made the long journey without incident until he was within a few miles of Sparta and thinking he was safely inside of Col. Stokes' outpost, left the woods and took the main road for Sparta, but had proceeded but a short distance when he met a squad of rebel guerillas squarely in the road. At the point where they met, was on a steep mountainside at a sharp curve in the road. To his left was the steep mountainside, to his right was a strip of woods about 40 yards wide, beyond which was a large corn-field surrounded by a heavy staked and ridged fence. The field was filled with dry stalks, as it was late fall. When he saw that he was surrounded by the enemy, he knew that his life depended only on quick thought, and if possible, quicker movement. As they questioned him con-

cerning his mission and the papers which he carried, he knew that it would be instant death the moment they discovered his dispatch and at a moment when he thought all their eyes were turned from him, he made a dash under one of the horses necks and made a break through the narrow strip of woods for the cornfield, which extended down a long slope to the foot of a mountain on the farther side. So surprised were they at this rash movement that he passed through the strip of woods and had reached the top of the fence before a single shot was fired at him, but at that moment there came a volley of shots, but he did not turn to see which ones were doing the shooting but jumped from the fence into the stalk field and made a break for the woods on the farther side of the field. Many shots were fired at him as he ran through the stalks, only one of which touched his clothes. He reached the other side of the field and woods in safety.

I could give many more incidents that would be interesting to your readers, but it would make this article too long.

Of Mrs. Flynn's nine children, six boys and three girls, only four are now living, namely: W. L., A. L., T. S. and P. S. Flynn, two boys and two girls having died in childhood and one daughter after she was grown.

Mrs. Flynn does not wear glasses, does not use a cane, has splendid use of her mind and her hearing is as good as most young people, is bright and cheerful and enjoys a visit from her neighbors as well as she ever did, and she invites the editor of the Chronicle and his estimable wife to visit her this spring and partake of her hospitality.

Yours truly,  
A. L. Flynn.

[The editor appreciates the kind invitation extended and knows that at the home of any Flynn in this county he is welcome and would find a friend.]

## NAME THE MOVIE

In That Way You May Earn Free  
Ticket for a Whole Year.

Messrs Horn & Garrison, proprietors of our moving picture show, want a name for their business. In order to get a satisfactory name they will give to the person furnishing the name that suits best a free admission ticket for a whole year. That means the successful person will receive the equivalent of over \$15 for suggesting the most satisfactory name.

They will begin tomorrow night to give to every person who attends the show a slip of paper on which they may write the name. Present the slip as you come out and the slips will be filed and gone over by a committee to be named later.

Persons who do not attend the show may send in by mail the name they wish to suggest. Address your letter to A. E. Horn, Crossville.

A little later the committee to select the name will be announced. The contest will be open for several weeks and the public will be notified through the Chronicle when the contest will close. Any person can enter the contest without cost.

The picture show gave an entertainment last night and will show again Thursday and Saturday nights. The management directs the Chronicle to say that small boys and other persons who make a practice of loud talking and rude comments must either cease such things and act orderly in every way or they will be required to leave the show. Orderly and respectable people are much annoyed by such conduct and the management have decided to put a stop to it once for all or exclude those who will not be quiet and orderly.

## RESENTENCED.

Leo Frank, convicted of the murder of the factory girl, Mary Fagan, has been sentenced to be hanged June 26. He has made a statement in which he says time will prove him innocent of the crime.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for the week beginning Wednesday, May 12, 1915.

For the Ohio Valley and Tennessee: The weather will be unsettled Wednesday over the eastern portion, but probably without rain of much consequence, and generally fair weather is indicated during the week, with seasonable temperatures.

## LAND SUIT SETTLED.

E. S. Cram Wins About 1,100 Acres  
After 25 Years' Litigation.

An opinion has recently been handed down in a land suit that has been in the courts since 1890. The decision gives to E. S. Cram, as the agent of over fifty heirs to the estate of Robert Cram, about 1,100 acres of timbered land lying in the south-western part of this county that is said to be the best virgin timber tract in the county. E. S. Cram came into possession of an old book that had belonged to Robert Cram in which he found a copy of a letter that had been written to the tax collector of Bledsoe county in 1841. E. S. Cram wrote the Bledsoe county authorities and learned of the land, which was in this county by the formation of this county. Mr. Cram employed Smith & Mitchell to handle the case with the result that they recovered for him the acreage stated. The case had been in the courts almost 25 years.

Mr. Cram moved here from New Hampshire in 1909 and has been an active and energetic citizen in all movements looking to the betterment of the county since his arrival.

He has become thoroughly imbued with the idea that this country, with its cheap lands and boundless free range along with the splendid crops that are being grown here, is destined to become the garden spot of Tennessee in the comparatively near future. He hopes to interest several of his old acquaintances in New Hampshire in coming to this section to open up farms. He intends to give them splendid opportunities in that they will be allowed to select choice tracts and have a long term of years in which to pay for same.

The section of the county where the Cram lands lay is one of the very best for farming as the land is far above the average in natural fertility and with the abundant free range it presents a most admirable opportunity for young men to acquire a good farm on easy terms and in a few years find themselves in possession of farms that will be worth many times what they cost. Our people will wish for Mr. Cram unbounded success in his efforts to locate energetic farmers on his property as such a course would be of great value to the county while presenting splendid advantages for the new settlers.

## FAIR MEETING.

Part of Premium List Prepared and  
Fair Book Ordered Printed.

The Cumberland County Fair Association met Saturday and discussed numerous matters touching the coming fair, which will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 30, October 1 and 2.

It was ordered that 500 or more Fair Books be printed. The actual number of books to be determined after all material is in hand and the cost is fully determined. The following persons were named to assist S. C. Bishop in arranging the Fair Catalogue: Harry Martin on Live Stock; O. B. Rector on Poultry; F. S. Chance on Agriculture; G. P. Burnett on Ladies' Department.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

Dr. V. L. Lewis, G. F. Burnett and S. C. Bishop were named as a committee to arrange the program for the three days. They are to choose two ladies to assist in preparing the program.

The merchants of Crossville and other points over the county will be asked to take advertising space in the Premium List. The minimum charge will be \$1.00. It is expected that several farmers will also take advertising space. Several have signified their willingness to assist the fair movement by taking space in the fair catalogue.

The total amount that will be devoted to premiums will be close to \$400. The list of articles on which premiums will be offered is long. Live stock being the main industry of this county, those premiums are naturally the largest.

It is probable there will be a street carnival during the three days of the fair and the occasion promises to prove the most interesting and attractive ever given in this county.